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AFL DEMANDS FDR BREAK WAGE FREEZE; SPEED UP RECONVERSION, COUNCIL INSISTS

"THE SHOW OF SHOWS"

—By—
MARTIN CAMPBELL

The post-war international question is a subject that affects labor as much, if not more than any other institution in America . . . Everybody, it seems, is formulating plans for the treatment of Germany and Italy—and Japan—in the post-war world . . .

There are those who believe that the only way to treat these former aggressors is to hang them up by their ears and give them corporal punishment until the blood runs out of their eyes, and they promise to be good forever after. But that group is in a minority . . . Most people have common-sense enough to realize that brutality never solved anything. The grim realization comes forward that we need to use our heads or we'll have another war within the next twenty years . . .

The bull in the china-shop approach isn't going to work—it never has.

I don't have much respect for the theorists—they all have their pet notions, (usually based upon hate), as to the "humane" settlement of the international differences. They can give you a blueprint for a lasting peace—and because I know the frailty of man's moral fibre and intellectual strength—and the vacillation and fickleness which increases with the passing of time, I can't even waste any time listening to the myriad "rules" for international justice . . .

You can't make a nation obey or respect a law or a rule unless it wants to; or unless you are standing over it with a military club; but that gets back to the bull in china-shop—and what Mr. Hearst calls "imperialism."

The pertinent question, then: "How do you make a nation want to obey the law?" . . . By making it a fair law—a law that gives both sides a break, one that follows the "golden rule" . . . That's all—and you probably are throwing up your hands and exclaiming that it would take the wisdom of Solomon to figure out such a law . . . And then, you begin to comprehend the immensity of the post-war problems; and you begin to doubt that they can be solved as easy as Miss Dorothy Thompson assures us is possible.

Well, we can read the words of these theorists—learn how we will never have a war again if we cut Germany up so and so; if we sterilize the youth of Germany; if we change the constitution of the German government . . . We can read their theories; but we must return to the inexorable conclusion of logic that we must show the Germans that it will pay them to play ball with us; that the more they cooperate, the greater will be the prosperity of us all.

I said that the subject of a post-war world in Germany affects labor deeply. And that is why Mr. Green has insisted that a prerequisite to peace must be the establishment of free labor in Germany . . . If you have free labor which is safeguarded by the government you cannot have dictatorship—like water and gasoline, they cannot mix. Yes, labor has a great stake in the post-war arrangement of Europe—it's our job to see that all people enjoy the right of free labor. When labor the world over has the right to assemble, to bargain collectively, and to insist on a closed shop—then we in this country are less likely to lose out—and the world is far more likely to be successful in keeping the peace.

Of all the theories I have read, I like Mr. Green's the best by far. Free labor is indeed a prerequisite for lasting peace.

Suits To Be Revived

Twenty-seven anti-trust suits, held up because of the war, will be revived by the department of justice during the next six months, Attorney General Francis Biddle reported recently.

AFL Calls For Huge Stockpiles Of Building Materials To Get Set For Housing Drive

The AFL executive council urged immediate intensification of production of building material so that a nation-wide housing program can be launched as soon as the war against Germany ends.

Calling upon the government for prompt action, the council emphasized that such a housing program would provide 5,000,000 new jobs at a time when the war factories would be forced to shut down and ten million workers may be thrown out of work overnight.

The text of the council's statement follows:

"America should take heed of the statements by Prime Minister Churchill, Gen. Montgomery and other responsible war leaders that the war against Germany may end sooner than expected. The tremendous gains scored by the armed forces of the united nations on the battle-fronts of Europe in recent weeks indicate that the nazi war machine is in desperate straits and may collapse entirely before long.

"If the fighting in Europe ends suddenly, the impact upon our domestic economy will be shattering unless preparations are made in advance to cushion the shock.

"The war production board estimates that the war production program may be slashed 40 per cent overnight when Germany surrenders. This means that huge contracts will be canceled, that thousands of factories will be forced to shut down and that as many as ten million workers will be thrown out of their jobs.

"Such needless tragedies must be averted if we are to win the peace. The advent of peace should be a great boon to the American people, not the start of a fearful depression.

"Therefore, the executive council strongly urges the immediate acceleration of the reconversion program wherever this can be accomplished without interfering with the even flow of vital war production.

"One obvious field where this can be done most effectively is housing and construction. The construction industry needs no reconversion. It is ready to go the moment the signal is given and materials are available. The market for new homes is tremendous. Every city in the nation is suffering from a serious housing shortage. This shortage will be rendered more acute when the men in the armed forces begin returning home by the millions.

"Furthermore, launching of a large-scale nation-wide housing program will provide immediate employment for more than five million workers, not only in direct construction but in manufacture of home equipment and supplies. In fact, such a housing program is calculated to give the strongest impetus to the post-war recovery drive.

"One serious obstacle to preparations for post-war housing and construction is the present shortage of building materials. Many items needed in construction, such as lumber, wiring and plumbing supplies, are now extremely scarce because the same materials are in heavy demand for war purposes.

"The executive council therefore feels that production of these materials should immediately be greatly intensified. **The surplus, not needed for the war program, should be stored up on stockpiles by the government in all sections of the country so that the housing program can get going at full blast the moment the war against the nazis ends.**

"Delay in these preparations would be dangerous, if not fatal, to the nation's post-war economy. The executive council of the American Federation of Labor calls upon the government for prompt action."

Senator Claude Pepper Opens Democratic Party Campaign For Re-Election of Roosevelt

Oakland Auditorium Theatre Filled to Capacity To Hear Florida Senator In Fighting Talk Against Administration Foes

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, consistent supporter of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and outstanding champion of labor in the United States senate, opened the democratic party's campaign in northern California with a fighting speech last Tuesday, September 5th, delivered to an overflow crowd at the Oakland auditorium theatre.

Senator Pepper minced no words in stating, "The opposition party never did anything." Not one piece of social or humanitarian legislation has emanated from a republican president or been passed by a republican congress.

Following the assassination of Lincoln, the republicans bungled the reconstruction and failed "to bind the nation's wounds or care for him who had borne the battle."

After the first world war, the republican senate rejected President Wilson's "league of nations" and adopted their isolationist policy which set the stage for the present world-wide conflict.

"Are we to repudiate the greatest record of accomplishment in history in a comparable period of time to return republican isolationism, inaction and mismanagement to power?" asked Senator Pepper.

The senator reviewed the record of the present national administration from the bank closing of 1933, citing: "The days when people stood knee-deep in wheat fields and could not get bread."

He paid tribute to the workers of America who had armed, equipped and manned the biggest army, the greatest navy, and the finest air force in the world, in the short space of three years, besides contributing to the arming and feeding of our allies.

Full employment in the post-war years, full utilization of the productive capacity of the nation, adequate unemployment compensation for returning servicemen and displaced workers during reconversion to peace-time production, security in sickness and old age, these are some of the things for which we fight, said Senator Pepper. We shall not have won the war if peace does not bring to every American a full share in the bounties, nature and human ingenuity have placed within our grasp.

Patrick W. McDonough, democratic party chairman and owner of the McDonough Steel Co., opened the meeting with a ringing declaration against proposition No. 12. "Outlawing of the 'closed shop' means the end of the labor-management cooperation which armed our nation and a return to bargaining with the unscrupulous employers' 'loaded dice' and the empty stomachs of the workers' family," said Mr. McDonough. "No sane business man who wants to sell his products would first let a thief rob his customers."

Labor endorsed candidate for congress, George P. Miller, also spoke, as did Assemblyman Francis Dunn, Jr., Gordon F. Irvine, Anga M. Bjornson and Jeffery Cohelan, candidates for the state assembly, supported by labor in Alameda county.

AFTER-THE-WAR PRICE CONTROL

Price ceilings and rent controls will be continued during the reconversion of industry to peacetime production, Chester Bowles, OPA administrator, declared recently.

He added that prices will be checked at regular intervals and will be subject to quick change if they get out of line.

DR. MAX RADIN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE AGAINST No. 12

Dr. Max Radin, widely known scholar and leader amongst progressive groups, has formally accepted the chairmanship of the volunteer northern California citizens' committee against proposition No. 12 on the November 7th ballot.

At the same time Dr. Radin announced the names of a group of well known Californians as vice chairmen, as follows: Bishop Edward L. Parsons, Monsignor Martin C. Keating, Monsignor T. J. O'Dwyer, Rabbi Saul White, Rev. T. H. Simpson, Mrs. J. Millard Rogers, Anthony G. Mattos, Paul St. Sure and Bartley Crum.

In accepting the committee chairmanship, Dr. Radin said:

"Proposition No. 12, the so-called 'Right of Employment' measure, by its very character is in fact, whatever the motives of its proponents, a direct attack on organized labor at a time when full cooperation between labor and all other groups in the community is vitally necessary to maintain the war effort and to organize the community after the war to provide jobs for all our returning men and women, and to establish prosperity for all, business, labor and agriculture.

The proposition is so badly worded that it lends itself to all kinds of interpretation. Its immediate effect, if it is passed, would be to overthrow all the efforts that have been made to remove friction between labor and management and make California the scene of bitter economic struggles that can only end in ruin for the state."

4,000,000 Still Get Less Than 40 Cents An Hour

Although a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour has been established for all the 21,000,000 workers protected by the fair labor standards act, over 4,000,000 of the workers outside its protection still are paid less than 40 cents an hour, L. Metcalfe Walling, administrator of the wage and hour and public contracts divisions, stated in a Labor day address.

"Actually, there are more workers without its protection than are covered by the act," Mr. Walling said. "Parallel state legislation is needed to provide a similar bulwark against post-war wage slashing, deflation and consequent unemployment. Here is an opportunity for those who advocate state, rather than federal, action to demonstrate the sincerity of their stand."

Bureau of Labor Statistics Announces Time Lost By Strikes in California

Time lost as a result of strikes in California during the first quarter of 1944 represented approximately two one-hundredths of one per cent of all time worked, announced John F. Dalton, state labor commissioner.

According to tabulations of the U. S. bureau of labor statistics, there were 29 strikes in the state during the first three months of 1944 (latest available), which involved 10,420 workers and resulted in a total of 37,832 man-days of idleness.

Excluding agriculture, the California division of labor statistics and law enforcement estimates that wage and salary workers in California worked a total of 171,330,000 man-days during the first three months of this year. The 37,382 days of idleness due to strikes therefore represents two one-hundredths of one per cent of total working time.

Garage Employees Select Organizer

Garage Employees' Union, Local 78, has selected Harry W. Lear as organizer and he will assist Ro L. Pelochino in the organizing campaign that has been set up.

A. F. of L. unions welcome this new addition to the ranks of officialdom by extending to Harry Lear the cooperation of all brother unionists in his new job.

AFL IN DRIVES TO PREVENT STATE ANTI-LABOR LAWS

The American Federation of Labor is launching vigorous fights against proposed anti-union laws in three states.

Following a session of the federation's executive council at Chicago, President William Green announced that immediate drives in Florida, California and Arkansas would be launched to prevent the adoption of legislation seeking to outlaw the closed shop in those states.

Joseph A. Padway, counsel for the federation, reported to the council on the legal battles which the AFL is waging against state laws "objectionable to labor." He expressed the opinion that "every one of the anti-labor laws will be defeated if it reaches the supreme court."

PLANS COMPLETED FOR JUSTICE MURPHY'S TALK IN SAN FRANCISCO

Members of all AFL unions on both sides of the bay have been invited to attend the mass meeting to be held Sunday evening, September 10th, in Civic Auditorium for Associate Justice Frank Murphy of the United States supreme court.

Senator Jack Shelly, C. J. Haggerty and Daniel O'Connell are chairmen of a special committee named to work for the success of the mass meeting and to urge AFL member attendance.

Justice Murphy, chairman of a national committee working for American unity, will take for his subject, "The American Way of Life—Can it Survive?" In it he will discuss post-war problems.

Joseph Scott, prominent Los Angeles attorney, also will speak and there will be appearances of outstanding Hollywood personalities.

The meeting, to be chairmanned by Maurice E. Harrison as head of the local committee, comprises men and women in every walk of life.

Admission to the meeting will be free and there will be no collection.

UNION LABOR AUXILIARY 1917, V. F. W., HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of Union Labor Auxiliary No. 1917, V.F.W., will be held Friday evening, September 8, 1944 (tonight) at 8:30 p. m., in Veterans' Memorial building, Oakland, Mary Robinson, presiding.

At the last meeting of the auxiliary, plans were being made for a public whist, also an apron sale, to be held in **October.**

Further announcement of the two events planned will be made at a later date, announces Mayme Hagney, publicity chairman.

Back 'em Up!
KEEP BUYING WAR BONDS

Wages Must Be Brought Back In Line With Prices By Executive Order, Executive Council Says

Placing the responsibility squarely on President Roosevelt, the AFL executive council launched a new drive to break the wage freeze which now grips the nation's workers and threatens to retard post-war recovery.

The council, at its mid-summer session in Chicago, declared the national war labor board no longer possesses the authority to readjust its own "little steel" wage formula in line with increased living costs. Action on labor's pleas for relief now depends on the issuance of a new executive order by the president, the council held. It therefore instructed President William Green to name a committee to take the matter up directly with the president at a white house conference. Mr. Green said he would try to arrange such a conference with the president immediately after Labor day.

Other outstanding actions taken by the executive council included:

1—Demands upon the government for accelerating preparations for reconversion to peace-time production, in view of mounting indications that the war against Germany may end soon and suddenly.

2—Call for intensification of production of building materials so that stockpiles may be ready in every section when war conditions permit launching of a nation-wide housing program.

3—Pledge to continue to supply all needs for the armed forces so that victory can be won in the shortest time possible, accompanied by a warning that reconversion must not be delayed because of reported lags in a few items of production.

4—Approval of applications for international charters to two new unions—the office workers and the chemical workers.

The executive council emphasized that the wage-price crisis is the most vital problem that faces labor today. It reviewed the circumstances leading up to the adoption of the "little steel" formula to implement the president's economic stabilization program and pointed out that other equally important sections of that 7-point program had not been carried out as zealously and as uncompromisingly.

"The cost of living has risen more than twice as much as the 15 per cent allowance permitted by the little steel formula," the council declared.

"The working men and women of this nation have been made to suffer from a mal-adjustment that exists between wages and cost of living. This mal-adjustment has broken and depressed their peace-time standards of living.

"The American Federation of Labor has vigorously and persistently attempted to prevent this destruction of the standards of American workers. The stabilization program outlined by the president clearly embraces the opportunity of correcting this grievous situation. However, the power to modify the little steel formula and thereby re-establish the workers' standards, and incidentally re-establish the standards the men in our armed forces expect to find when they return, is no longer within the jurisdiction of the national war labor board. It is obvious from executive order 9328, issued on April 8, 1943, that this power rests now solely with the president.

"The American Federation of Labor members of the national war labor board have twice petitioned the war labor board to exercise its right to advise the president on this question and to ask that the formula be re-adjusted realistically to meet this situation. Representatives of practically all our national and international unions presented voluminous testimony in support of our last petition, heard by the war labor board in April of this year. To date, no action has been taken by the war labor board in response to our petition.

"We, therefore, now appeal directly to President Roosevelt to use his executive powers in the same manner as they were used in executive order 9328 when wages were frozen, viz., to readjust the little steel formula in a manner such as we have outlined in this report.

"We further request that President Green appoint a small committee from this council and arrange for its appearance before the president to present the American Federation of Labor's position on this—the most vital problem that faces labor today."

WAR LABOR DISPUTES ACT DOES NOT PREVENT LABOR ORGANIZATIONS FROM PARTICIPATING FULLY IN STATE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

Due to the many inquiries that have been made as to whether the provisions of the war labor disputes act, prohibiting certain contributions from labor organizations, are applicable to state organizations, the California State Federation of Labor wishes to make it clear that such is not the case as far as state political campaigns are concerned.

The war labor disputes act does not prevent a labor organization from making any contributions to any candidate for any state office. The war labor disputes act, by its own expressed terms, limits the application of its provisions to elections "at which presidential and vice-presidential electors or a senator or representative in, or a delegate or resident commissioner to congress are to be voted for."

Attorney General Francis Biddle stated the following in a letter written on April 6, 1944, and addressed to Congressman Howard W. Smith:

"The language of the federal corrupt practices act above quoted makes it applicable only to elections at which presidential and vice presidential electors or a senator or representative in, or a delegate or resident commissioner to congress are to be voted for; another section of the act provides that it is limited to general or special elections and is not applicable to primary elections or conventions of political parties. Contributions in connection with state elections in state campaigns are not covered by the act."

The above quotation makes this entire matter clear, and all unions should feel free to carry out the assessment in regard to proposition No. 12 without any fear that the war labor disputes act will be violated in any respect.

Section 9 of the war labor disputes act, which contains the prohibition against political contributions by labor organizations is a penal statute and as such must be very strictly construed. It is not a matter of social legislation, which the courts allow liberal interpretation. The scope of the application of the act may not be extended, therefore, beyond the limitation contained in section 9, which provides that the contributions which labor organizations are prohibited from making are those in connection with the election of presidential and vice-presidential electors, senator or representative in, or a delegate or resident commissioner to congress. Other than this restriction, the entire field of political activity is unaffected.

The federation wishes the unions to be guided by this information, and feel free to participate with all of their vigor and resources in the campaign against proposition No. 12.

State Association Of Letter Carriers Are Against Proposition No. 12

At the state convention held at Bakersfield on September 2nd and 3rd, the California state association of the National Association of Letter Carriers went on record as unequivocally opposing proposition No. 12 on the state ballot by adopting the following resolution:

"Whereas, the apparent intent and probable result of the adoption of proposition No. 12 is to reduce organized labor in California to complete impotency, and

"Whereas, the National Association of Letter Carriers is an integral part of organized labor and deeply and directly affected by its general welfare; therefore, be it

"Resolved, that the California State Association of Letter Carriers, N.A.L.C., hereby goes on record as unequivocally opposed to said proposition No. 12."

Other important resolutions adopted were "preference for returning war veterans," "permanent increase of $400.00 per annum instead of the temporary bonus now in effect," "time and one-half for all overtime," "25-year optional retirement," "auto insurance for motor vehicle employes," and M.V.S. employes to be defended by U. S. district attorney in cases of suits against employe.

The following delegates from Oakland, Branch No. 76, attended the convention: President A. B. McClintock, Vice President K. E. Francis, Recording Secretary A. J. Panttaja; W. E. Collins, A. Pollard, A. R. McKay and M. F. Goode.

New AFL Members Appointed On War Labor Board

In line with the new policy established to appoint labor members on the war labor board for one-year period beginning September 1, 1944, the American Federation of Labor has just announced the appointments of the following tenth regional war labor board:

Chris T. Lehmann and Wendell Phillips, regular members; Harry Lea and Beaumont Silverton, alternates; W. H. Vernon, Robert Noonan, Henry Hayden, and Wade Church, substitutes.

These men will remain in office as representatives of the A. F. of L. for the ensuing year. On September 1, 1945, the A. F. of L. will again make appointments to the board.

ROOFERS TO MEET SEPTEMBER 13TH

A special meeting of Roofers' Union, Local No. 81, will be held Wednesday, September 13th, at 8:00 p. m., in hall No. 5, labor temple, 2111 Webster street, Oakland.

Meeting is called for the purpose of voting an assessment to help defeat proposition No. 12 on the November ballot.

An assessment will be levied on all members failing to attend this meeting.

CARD OF THANKS

To My Dear Friends:

Words cannot express my appreciation for the grand surprise that you girls gave me, as I thought that the bottom had fallen out of my world.

Friends cannot be bought and I had no idea how many real friends I have.

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Lillian D. Wagner.

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LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

How the Women Are Helping Through Their Organizations

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

The Ladies' Auxiliary held their August meeting and many plans are under way for the ensuing year.

The auxiliary is to conduct a red cross sewing club, to meet the first and third Friday of each month in the banquet rooms.

These sewing bees will sew lap-robes for the disabled service men who are in the hospitals, so if the members have not signed up with a red cross unit, now is the time to do so. You may get in touch with Beatrice Christensen who is chairman.

The ways and means committee, consisting of Ruth Thompson, Levah Pedersen, Flo Bartalini, are to raise funds to purchase cigarettes for the service men here in hospitals. The same is to have the auxiliary stamp on them. This is to be done as a gesture that the trade unions have the interest and welfare of those serving this country at heart.

Those who have reading material should bring or send it to the auxiliary so it may be distributed among the men in hospitals.

President Esther McCormick kindly donated a very beautiful afghan to be awarded for the ways and means fund.

Flo Bartalini and Heleny Lindahl report they have two Christmas ships ready to be sent to the men in the fighting forces. These gifts are for those who are not so fortunate as to have relatives to remember them at this time of year.

The whist held at Levah Pedersen's was well attended and the proceeds were turned over to the committee of ways and means.

Those who received high score were Erna Jenkins, Beatrice Christensen and Mrs. Scott.

The following were appointed on the different committees: The sunshine, Josephine Wooldridge, Nathalie Stenling; membership, Nathalie Stenling; social (for three months) Beatrice Christensen, Theresa Mickelson, Bernice Jones.

Margaret Carter is visiting at Boulder creek.

Brother Claude Appleton of No. 36, and family, have returned home from Oregon and Idaho. They were accompanied by Mrs. Claudia Payne and daughter Larou.

While here they had the delightful pleasure of visiting with them Willard O. Payne, S2/c, and Ralph A. Bell, F1/c, who are stationed at Treasure island.

Marie Lyons has been reported as being ill. Also Alice Ragen who has a bad cold.

The auxiliary is happy to report the children of Flo Bartalini are in much better health now, and it was not as serious as first thought.

Your press correspondent has been on the sick list also.

Josephine Wooldridge is to hold a bingo game at her home on September 20th, at 1:00 p. m. Score cards, 25 cents.

Try and attend the social this Friday evening.

BERNICE JONES,
Press Correspondent.

It seems that Mary Anderson is really doing all right at the servicemen's center, as she is carrying around a picture of one of the boys she has served breakfast to. That should be an enticement to donate your services at the center on the first and third Thursdays of each month, girls. It looks as though you might have a little competition these days, Ed.

I wonder if Anne Jones has learned to play "The Song of the Seabees" since it seems they have established a beachhead. And incidently, how was the fishing at Clear Lake, Anne?

Charlotte LaPosea is now in Atlanta, Georgia, visiting her family. At the completion of her visit, she will then go to Washington, D. C., New York, Chicago and then home.

We have forty-nine stars on our service flag at the present time.

Edna Paterson's son, Bill, is now serving under General Patch, somewhere in France, and was in on the invasion in southern France.

Our own WAC, Pvt. Dorothy Bray, will be home on a furlough the 20th of this month.

The date has been set for the afternoon September whist: Tuesday, September 26th, and it is to be a miscellaneous whist. Members, please get your donations to the ways and means committee as soon as possible.

We had a very pleasant surprise last Wednesday at red cross as Frances McIntyre felt that she was missing out on too much around here, so came to see what was doing. Glad to have you back with us, Frances.

There are a few of us who would like to know what kind of bait Ed. Anderson and Lin French use when going fishing, as we have never seen any results.

DOROTHY THRALL,
Recording Secretary.

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

CARD OF THANKS

It is with sincere gratitude that I want to thank Anne Jones for taking over for me last week while I was enjoying a wonderful vacation at Clear Lake highlands. Her willingness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated; as Anne has never let me down. Thanks again, Anne, and I hope that I can do something for you in return one of these days. I surely enjoyed reading someone elses writeup—how about it, gals, didn't you?

MEETING AND SOCIAL

Last Tuesday evening the auxiliary held its regular meeting, followed by the social, for the month of September. It was a pleasure to welcome Olive and Gladys Harvey, mother and daughter; also Mayme L'heureux into the auxiliary.

Ten hands of dutch whist were played, with beautiful hand-made awards given for high scores. The refreshments were very attractive as well as appetizing. Many thanks to the social committee for a very enjoyable evening.

SICK AND CONVALESCING

It was nice having President Rosemary Padfield back with us again, and may you enjoy the very best of health in the future, Rosemary.

"Hello" Tessie. Want you to know that although it has been some time since you have been with us, we still think of you and miss you very much.

NOTES

Mary Nelson will celebrate her wedding anniversary, September 12th. Congratulations and best wishes, Mary.

Mayme Miller and husband bought a home at Clear Lake highlands last week during their vacation with Pearl Scott and family. Anna Higgins and Pearl Dondero were also guests at the "Scott's Wonsaweek"; arriving late Friday afternoon and returning with us Monday evening.

MACHINISTS' AUXILIARY No. 97

Sister Mary Logue, chairlady of the ways and means committee, wishes to announce there will be a whist party Tuesday, September 12th, at 12:30 p. m., at the home of Vice President Olive Harvey, 2112 Prince street, Berkeley. The score cards are to be 35c. Refreshments (sandwiches, cake and coffee, 15c). All those who plan on going, take Shattuck No. 4.

Sister Florence Shaffer wishes all those who have mystery sisters to please check and make certain whether their birthday or anniversary is this month. If so, please remember them with a gift and card.

Virginia Keyes' sister, Marjory Tocchini, will wed Lieut. Knowland in Pasadena Saturday. evening at 5:00 p. m. Virginia's father, Camille Tocchini, will give the bride away. There will be two bridesmaids and a flower girl. The ushers will be lieutenants. Virginia, who will be matron of honor, leaves Friday for Pasadena.

Jack Logue, son of Mary Logue, is leaving Monday to the U. S. army.

Tessie O'Leary is feeling quite well these days. We hope to see you at the meetings soon, Tessie.

Buy a bond and watch for the union label.

MARCIA HELM,
Press Correspondent.

NAVY YARD USING DISABLED VETS

More than 800 ex-servicemen who came back from overseas fighting with arm, leg, or eye gone, nerves shattered by battle fatigue or suffering from the aftermath of malaria have found jobs at the New York navy yard at Brooklyn, the third naval district says.

These men are now fighting the war from lathes or desks in the shops, offices and lofts of the navy yard, the navy reports. They are filling jobs that fit their capabilities, as determined by personnel officers.

If they have no special skills they are sent to one of the navy yard's trade schools for training.

UNION SOLDIER AWARDED SILVER STAR FOR VALOR

The war department announced that Private First Class Eugene Anderson, Asbestos Workers, Local 35, AFL, Youngstown, Ohio, was awarded the silver star by Lt. Gen. Mark Clark in Italy.

Pfc. Anderson won his silver star when he stood erect in the face of enemy rifle and machine guns in order to direct more effective fire against a group of nazi soldiers trying to infiltrate his battaliog's right flank to set up machine guns.

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THE POSTMAN SPEAKS

By A. B. McCLINTOCK, President, Branch 76, N. A. L. C.

Keep them wages down, boys, keep them wages down, instead of put that pistol down, babe, put that pistol down seems to be the pattern the big boys are weaving on the tapestry of future events, if one is to believe the trend of articles emanating from some of our more distinguished columnists. Of course they don't come right out and say that, but you get the drift when they and some of the daily press prate about the evils of unionism and the rights of free employment and free enterprise and a man's right to a job without having to pay tribute, as you call it, to a lot of racketeering unions, and alleged shortages of labor. All this adds up, to the discerning eye, as a prelude to an overstuffed market of that human commodity—labor. Most of this excess of labor, you might notice, is in districts and centers where union labor is most firmly entrenched. Then when the big blow comes, it will be easier to get cheaper labor. The pity of it is—it is all so unnecessary. Stupid might be a better word. For it can't seem to seep through the heads of these alleged saviors of the divine rights of free enterprise, that when the wages of the working stiff goes down, down goes the profits of the big boys.

High wages are being paid to most of these districts but nothing in comparison to the profits of those who hire the labor that makes these profits possible. If a wage-earner gets a 15 per cent raise, which is the absolute limit, the daily press screams to the high heavens and raves and rants about how unpatriotic the worker is, when our boys in the foxholes of the four corners of the earth are giving their all for $50.00 a month. But, if you look back in the financial pages of that same daily press you will find that dividends and fat bonuses, and $100,000.00 salaries are a dime a dozen to the big boys. But, they want cheap labor, and the only way to get it is to glut the market with workers.

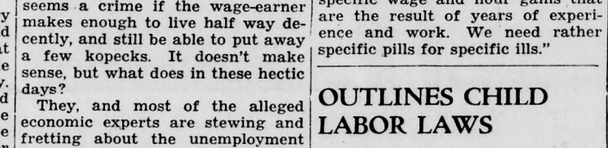
I can still recall when cannery workers were getting 20 cents an hour and begging for the chance to get it before they became organized and now they are paying a decent living wage and still making more than they ever did in that low wage era. Still, to their minds, it seems a crime if the wage-earner makes enough to live half way decently, and still be able to put away a few kopecks. It doesn't make sense, but what does in these hectic days?

They, and most of the alleged economic experts are stewing and fretting about the unemployment problem after the war. There will be no unemployment problem if all get together and exercise their God given common sense. The answer is . . . a thirty-hour work-week.

What has become of the A. F. of L. 30-hour work-week plank in the platform of our two major political parties? That may seem to be a little ahead of things at present, but the boys at Dumbarton Oaks are supposed to be figuring way ahead, and why is not labor representatives insisting that this be one of the main points of any reconversion program?

That is your answer to unemployment, regardless of what your alleged experts say, and the only way it can and will be solved! They said the eight-hour day would wreck the economic system, but it was eventually adopted, and we're still functioning—the government, I mean, and business. So, the quicker we get around to that way of thinking, the sooner your breadlines will disappear . . . after the shooting is all over.

In the meantime, there is still a lot of fighting to be done, despite the fine reports coming from the fronts, so, buy another bond, and give another pint of blood to make victory more certain and save the life of another soldier.



PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS' NOTES

BY S. J. DONOHUE:

Will it be Roosevelt or Dewey? The American people will decide that question. That's what democracy means. War or no war, our leaders are chosen by popular vote.

But will the majority of the people elect the president this year? The answer is "no," if the present voting trend continues.

Fewer and fewer Americans have been going to the polls in recent years. Citizens are forgetting the first duty and privilege of citizenship. The trend is toward an alarmingly light vote in November. The gallup poll and other measures say less than forty million will vote this year.

That would mean minority rule. That would be a terrible blow to democracy in America.

There are eighty-eight million American citizens of voting age—eight million more than in 1940. Fifty million voted in 1940. Normally, fifty-five million should vote this year. Yet every indication points toward less than forty million.

True, there are many who can't vote this year. There are men in service and migrant war workers for whom the military and civilian voting laws are too complicated. But there are millions at home who can vote in their places, who can rise to the occasion and express the will of the people.

Who is elected president, or senator, or sheriff is no less important than how he is elected. If we can preserve free election by a majority of the people, we can preserve democracy.

No matter how we cast our ballots, it is a solemn wartime duty to get out and vote.

Admission day, Saturday, September 9th, is a state holiday, but is not an overtime pay holiday.

Women's Bureau Head Hits Equal Rights Bill

Freida S. Miller, new director of the women's bureau of the department of labor, scored the equal rights amendment as a "bill that would destroy labor standards that women have worked long and hard to build."

"I am against the equal rights amendment proposed by various groups in the country," she said, "because it is based on unrealistic thinking. It would alter, to the disadvantage of women in industry, specific wage and hour gains that are the result of years of experience and work. We need rather specific pills for specific ills."

OUTLINES CHILD LABOR LAWS

The ODT has revised its summary of federal and state child-labor laws and regulations, to show changes in child labor legislation made during the past year. The summary is intended for the use of employers in transportation and associated industries.

Many changes reflect a slight relaxation with regard to hours of work and working permits, said ODT. In a few cases, the age limit of drivers has been changed. There is no change in the occupations considered hazardous for minors.

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AFL TO CHARTER TWO NEW UNIONS FOR OFFICE AND CHEMICAL WORKERS

Here's good news for the nation's office workers and chemical workers.

Two new international unions will soon be chartered by the American Federation of Labor to organize these workers in every part of the country and to improve their economic status and working conditions.

The AFL executive council approved the issuance of charters to these two groups after reviewing the developments of the organization drive which the AFL has conducted in their behalf.

Both the office workers and the chemical workers now operate under national councils which comprise a large number of federal labor unions. The total membership of each group at present is 30,000.

In announcing the council's action, AFL President Green declared the office workers' union has a potential membership of "millions."

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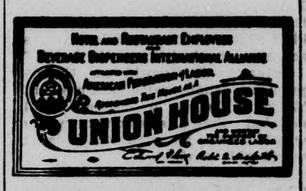
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ANTI-UNION LIE BLASTED

The lie that American soldiers are anti-union—a lie that has been assidiously cultivated by writers in the daily press—has been blasted to smithereens by labor representatives back from a tour of the battlefields of France.

Six union men, representing American labor, agreed that while the soldiers didn't like the idea of wartime strikes, they were not anti-union and recognized what organized labor has done to make America great. The report of the labor leaders was based on talks with soldiers at the front.

This is not really news; American soldiers were not anti-union before they put on the uniform and there is no reason to believe that their military service has changed their viewpoint. Yet many editorial writers and commentators have done their best to spread the idea that the contrary is the case. And undoubtedly they will continue their efforts to convince the nation that Uncle Sam's fighters are enemies of unionism.

Fall Term Night Classes Open On Varied Subjects

Classwork at the Technical Evening school will start September 18th, at 7:15 p. m., according to Dr. F. M. Yockey, principal. The office will be open evenings beginning September 11th for registration. Sixty-five different classes will be offered during the fall term. They will cover a wide variety of subjects. Included in the list are:

Bookkeeping, shorthand, typing, mathematics, arts and crafts, badminton, bee keeping, dancing, elementary review, engineering, drawing and blueprint reading, French, music appreciation, navigation, physical fitness for women, practical English and speech improvement, public speaking, prospecting and mineral identification, radio voice and workshop, Spanish, dressmaking and millinery, aerodynamics, home nursing, auto electric and carburetion, auto mechanics, body and fender, cabinet shop, furniture and interior repair, upholstery, machine shop W. P., naturalization, English for foreign born.

Daytime classes are: Dressmaking and millinery and home nursing.

A number of classes will open in October. These will be announced at a later date. When there is a sufficient demand, new classes will be opened to meet changing conditions.

For further information call at the evening school office at 42nd and Broadway between 12:30 p. m. and 9:30 p. m., or telephone PIedmont 0842.

In Normandy and Brittany it had to be a fight from house to house to clear out the snipers. For total victory back here there will have to be a fight from home to home to clear out the snags.

PROPOSITION No. 12 WEAKENS CAMPAIGN IN BEHALF OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

An interesting development has recently come to light in a report from the labor league for human rights, dealing with the campaign in behalf of various war chests and other community charitable undertakings. In this report, the regional director for labor's league for human rights, Mr. Lew C. G. Blix, pointed out that labor, which has been free to participate, and has participated outstandingly in the past in the drives for the war chests, will naturally be handicapped and restricted now, since the money and effort formerly devoted to these meritorious charities will have to be withdrawn in order to defeat the anti-labor proposition No. 12, which would undermine the welfare of organized labor.

It is obvious that labor today finds itself in the position of having its own life threatened. Labor cannot function without such life, and if it cannot help itself, it will not be in a position to help anyone else. For labor to participate actively in relief campaigns when its very existence is in jeopardy is an unrealistic expectation, and proves once more the contention made by the opponents of proposition No. 12 that it is seriously interfering with our war effort.

To recapitulate, we are taking the following excerpts from Mr. Blix's report, which should be of great interest:

"For the past two years, organized labor has gone all out for the recognized charitable appeals and has supported the various American red cross chapters and war chests as well as war appeals and community chests throughout the length and breadth of the state of California. In 1943 a fairly accurate account of labor's contribution was kept and members of organized labor as individual givers as well as contributions from labor unions in California exceeded four million dollars.

"The efforts put in to make various quotas of both red cross chapters and war chests in all communities a success were not concentrated solely upon contributions. Various work on the part of labor organization officials and members in soliciting the contributions and forming labor-management committees, as well as direct activity during drives, is a matter of record. In cases too numerous to enumerate here, labor has unselfishly carried the ball in many instances where relationships with the red cross, war chest and management had been unsuccessful or had broken down prior to and during the compaign. Labor committees have been formed in every city in California as well as in many rural districts to speed up and assure the success of charitable drives, which have included not only the many local charities coming under the community chest and councils, but also appeals for the USO and the various war relief agencies. These relief agencies, of course, are directly connected with the boys on the home front, those on our fighting front and our allies in Europe. The various war chests and red cross chapters recognize, without a single exception, the value of labor's contributions and efforts in making their quotas.

"Labor has been free to participate in the past. The drives for the war chest in the fall of 1944 and the red cross drive for 1945 will naturally be handicapped and restricted insofar as labor's contributions and efforts are concerned by virtue of the expense and effort which must be now withdrawn from the charities and concentrated wholly upon the necessity of defeating the bill which means so much to the future welfare of organized labor. Labor finds itself in a position where it must look first to itself for its own life, because without life it cannot function or hope to help anyone else.

"Labor cannot actively participate in relief campaigns while its very existence is in jeopardy. The money it finds necessary to withdraw from its local treasuries or the voluntary donations or assessments placed upon its members must now be thrown into a fight for life, thereby cutting off a source of supply which had been given previously without stint or question to the most worthwhile and recognized charities in the past.

"In the past two years, labor throughout the United States of America has contributed to four campaigns—red cross drives and war chest drives—a conservatively estimated amount in excess of seventy million dollars. The worthwhileness of labor's contributions and efforts, therefore, can easily be seen."

If by some terrible accident, proposition No. 12 should be adopted as a law, labor would cease to be a source of liberal contributions to the various charities. The federation believes that this phase of how proposition No. 12 will interfere with the war effort is as important as the many other phases that have already been dealt with. This constitutes another good reason why proposition No. 12 should be voted down.

TWO BRITISHERS COMING TO AFL CONVENTION

AFL President William Green announced that the British Trades Union Congress will send two fraternal delegates to the forthcoming convention of the federation November 20th in New Orleans. They are John Brown, of the iron and steel trades confederation and Arthur Horner, of the South Wales mine workers' federation.

In turn, the AFL executive council will select two representatives to attend the British Trades Union Congress convention to be held October 16th at Blackpool, England, and another representative to visit the convention of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress in Montreal next month, Mr. Green said.

WHAT NEXT?

The first shipment of food to be stored in the Atchison, Kansas, mine—converted into a huge cold storage warehouse—began moving in at the end of August. The mine has been converted into a cold-storage unit by the war food administration to ease the strain on cooler storage space, and to make room for foods that will be marketed this fall and during other seasons of peake agricultural production. It will provide storage space for a wide variety of agricultural products, particularly commodities from the mid-west and far west.

Wisdom

The immense number of propertyless wage earners on the one hand, and the superabundant riches of the fortunate few on the other, is an unanswerable argument that the earthly goods so abundantly produced in this age of industrialism are far from rightly distributed and equitably shared among the various classes of men.—Pope Pius XI.

Garage Employees' Shop And Service Chatter

BY PELOCHINO: It is with a great deal of pleasure to announce that Harry Lear who so ably performed his duties as business representative of this union until two years ago is now back with us again as an organizer. Some of the old time members will remember Harry as being a likeable and reliable fellow and one who always performs his duties to the best of his ability. I am reasonably sure that the members will give Harry the same full support and cooperation that they have given your present secretary in the past. His duties will be to organize all workers of shops coming under our jurisdiction and to assist your secretary. I am sure that the members will join me in welcoming Harry back to the fold.



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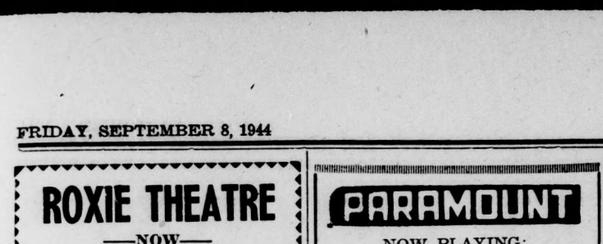
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No. 12 Unconstitutional

Proposition No. 12, if not defeated, would immediately result in the abrogation of all union collective bargaining contracts containing union security clauses or any clause which materially modifies conditions of employment. Since such contracts have been declared by the supreme court to be "property," comparable to tangible assets, the invalidation of these contracts would represent to unions a loss of property.

The fifth amendment of the U. S. constitution provides that no person "shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law." The fourteenth amendment, particularly applicable to states, provides "nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of laws."

If the proposed measure is not defeated, therefore, it should be declared unconstitutional by the courts because it violates the fifth and fourteenth amendments of the U. S. constitution by being first, a state law denying to union members the equal protection of laws safeguarding property, i.e., contracts; and second, a measure depriving unions of property without due process of law.

STIFLES FREE SPEECH

Proposition No. 12 is further unconstitutional in that it violates the guarantees of free speech contained in the first amendment to the U. S. constitution.

Under the proposed measure any individual, group of individuals or newspaper who say or publish anything which may be interpreted as a threat against the right of a person to work without belonging to a union, may be subjected to legal action. Any criticism of the amendment, any defense of the benefits of union membership, or any comparison between the efficiency of union and non-union job applicants, for instance, could easily be interpreted as a "threat."

LABOR RESOLVED TO WIN THE PEACE

By WILLIAM GREEN

War has required the American people to make harsh and heavy sacrifices. The coming of peace may likewise invoke temporary hardship until the problems of adjusting industry and production to new economic conditions are met.

But the workers of America will face the challenge of the future as they have responded to the impact of war—with their heads held high and their spirit undaunted by any difficulties that may impede the march of achievement.

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Reading left to right: Grace Fowler, Genevieve Jaap, Della Dilsaver, Kay Casey, Meta Weik, Rose Bertolino, Anna Higgins, Lillian Wagner, guest of honor, Annette Conley, Anne Jones, Beth MacIntosh and Edith Aguillar.

Luncheon Guest Presented With Gift



Annette Conley, secretary, Iron Workers' Union, Local No. 378, presenting Mrs. Wagner with gift

Ladies of Labor Temple Give Luncheon For Lillian Wagner

Guest Honored Upon Retirement as Employe Of Butchers' Union

Mrs. Lillian Wagner was honor guest at a luncheon on Tuesday of last week, when a group of the older employes of the labor temple gathered together at Drago's restaurant.

Mrs. Wagner was an employe of Butchers' Union, Local No. 120, up until recently after being steadily employed for about a year and a half. She is the widow of Charles J. Wagner who was financial secretary of the local up until his death in June of 1943, a position which he held for over thirty years. Through all the years her husband was organizing and building up the local butchers' union, Mrs. Wagner worked beside her husband helping him with the clerical work, even having the local's first meeting in her home.

During the years Lillian Wagner has been active in the labor movement she has made a host of friends. Her ever cheery smile, sunny disposition and good-humored stories will be missed by her many friends in the labor temple. The girls presented "Waggie," as she is affectionately called by everyone, with a fine string of pearls and an orchid corsage.

Those participating in the event were: Edith Aguillar, Melba Bell, Rose Bertolino, Kay Casey, Annette Conley, Eileen Collins, Della Dilsaver, Pearl Dondero, Verna Eliason, Grace Fowler, Anna Higgins, Genevieve Jaap, Anne Jones, Beth MacIntosh, Helen Pearson, Josephine Pritchard, Agnes Strelo, Beryl Speyer, Evelyn Tanzillo, Dorothy Thrall and Meta Weik.

Small Businessmen Ass'n Urges Child Labor Law

Yes, sir, times have changed. Not so long ago small business firms were the most stubborn opponents of child labor legislation. Yet now comes the national small business men's association with a demand for adoption of a uniform national child labor law "to forestall post-war job competition between school children and war veterans."

Twenty-eight of the thirty-six states required for final adoption of the measure have already voted ratification of the child labor amendment to the federal constitution, which was proposed by the sixty-eighth congress in 1924. The amendment gives congress power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age.

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The Philadelphia Central Labor Union believes in social security for union leaders grown old in service as well as for other workers.

When the time came for retirement of Frank Birch, after 25 years of service as secretary-treasurer, the CLU voted to make him secretary-emeritus for life at $2,000 a year.

This is believed to be the first time that a central labor union has provided an annuity for a retiring officer. Mr. Birch has been an AFL member for 57 years and a delegate to the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor conventions for the past 40 consecutive years.

AFL Trounces CIO In Steel Election

The international association of machinists, ably assisted by AFL organizers, won an important election against the CIO among the employes of the Standard Steel Spring Company in Madison, Ill.

The vote in the NLRB poll showed 314 for the AFL union and 241 for the CIO. Organizers Fred Olds and Ralph Schmidt led the organizing campaign for the AFL.

NYLON FOR PARACHUTES DIVERTED BY RACKETEERS

Nylon is needed to make army parachutes and aerial tow-lines. Nevertheless, three New Jersey business men diverted enough nylon to make 12,000 pairs of women's hose. The FBI says it recovered $30,000 worth of thread and unfinished hosiery.

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STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL No. 127

BY HUGHIE RUTLEDGE: The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: Frank Klecker, M. Auringer, Ted Howard, W. G. Hawkins, Frank Hawkins, Byron Wolfe, Cliff Peters, Bill Maloney, Chas. Fatthauer, Milton Jones and Ben Connors. Again we remind the brothers to be sure and send in a weekly report card while on the sick list.

BLACK MARKET

When making an application for the new A books for gas, you may have noticed the large letters, **Do Not Patronize the Black Market,** and also the daily sheets are full of the same thing. I wonder why the office of price administration does not try to analyze the situation and try to find out what makes people use the black market. It has been conclusively shown by the American people that they will go all out to help the war effort but where there is evidently so much violation there certainly must be a reason. If you ars sick and go to the doctor he will try to find out what it is that is making you unwell and remove the cause. It does Johnnie Jones no good to read in his evening paper that the army uses trucks, gas, oil and tires to take the Italian prisoners on a tour of the country while he has been passed up by three street cars and has spent two or three hours in getting home after putting in a full day's work. We think that if there is a shortage of gas, then taking the fascist prisoners for pleasure rides should be out for the duration. While we ask the brothers to not use the black market, we also ask the OPA to stop this senseless use of a scarce commodity.

Much turmoil and confusion still prevails about the wage situation as it applies to FHA and other remodel and conversion work. Letters of interpretation about executive order No. 9240 and 9248 and the amendments to the orders have only served so far to cloud the issue. The old saying that when in doubt do nothing holds good in this case. As reported last week, we are remaining non-status quo until someone gives us a direct order that we are in violation, by maintaining our present conditions. Report any changes into the office at once so that we can take the proper procedure.

We still have plenty of calls for painters and the outlook at present is very bright for a continuation of this condition.

During the past week we have had letters from several of our brothers in the armed forces and we are giving you their addresses.

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Next meeting of the local will be September 14th.

Don't forget to register and vote against Proposition No. 12.

Infant Care Program Extended

A half-million service men's wives and babies, it is anticipated, will be cared for in the next twelve months under the emergency maternity and infant care program for which congress has appropriated $42,800,000, according to Katharine F. Lenroot, chief of the children's bureau, U. S. department of labor.

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